

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ralf M. Luche et al.
Application No. : 09 775,925
Filed : February 1, 2001
For : DSP-12 AND DSP-13 DUAL-SPECIFICITY PHOSPHATASES

Examiner : Tekchand Saidha
Art Unit : 1652
Docket No. : 200125,420
Date : April 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 21, 2003, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on April 21, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II, claims 2-9 and 14, for examination at this time. In view of the above election, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1, 10-13, and 15-98 be withdrawn without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure:

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